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TO: To: Members of the Senate committee Senate Committee on Ethics
Reform and Government Operations

FROM: Representative Amy Sue Vruwink

RE: Assembly Bill 650 and the entities that it would apply to.

Assembly Bill 650 applies only to entities that are licensed by the state. Section 563.11, Stats., lists and describes what types entities may apply for a license to conduct bingo in Wisconsin.

First, the entities that may apply for a state bingo license are:

1. Any bona fide **religious** organization.
2. Any bona fide **charitable** organization.
3. Any bona fide **service** organization (including a community-based residential facility, a senior citizen community center, and an adult family home).
4. Any bona fide **fraternal** or **veterans** organization.
5. Any **organization to which contributions are deductible for federal income tax or state income or franchise tax purposes (i.e. nonprofits).**

[s. 563.11 (1), Stats.]

Second, there are additional requisites or qualities that these organizations must have to be eligible for a bingo license. These requisites specify that all of the organizations must:

1. A **nonprofit** corporation or organized in this state as a religious or nonprofit organization.
2. Have **at least 15 members** in good standing.
3. Conduct **activities** in the state **other than bingo**.
4. **Operate without profit** and the net earnings of the organization does not benefit a private shareholder or individual.
5. Have **existed for 3 years immediately prior** to the bingo license application.
6. Have received and used, and will continue to receive and use, for proper and legitimate expenditures, **funds from sources other than from the conduct of bingo.**